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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In March 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Susan Margaret Tomlinson** (CO60322672). In 2008 Tomlinson was convicted in Nevada of driving under the influence, driving with blood/breath alcohol level at or above the legal limit, and reckless driving. In 2011 she was convicted in California of identity theft.

Clark County

In March 2013 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Allan John P. Albert** (LP00040625) with unprofessional conduct. Albert allegedly didn't comply with a previous agreement.

Grant County

In March 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Angela G. Harman** (RN00172828) with unprofessional conduct. Harman allegedly didn't comply with a previous stipulation.

In March 2013 the Secretary of Health charged registered nursing assistant **Melissa Sue Garza** (NA60274649) with unprofessional conduct. Garza allegedly engaged in sexual conduct with a patient.

King County

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Leticia B. Benavente** (NA60288592) with unprofessional conduct. Benavente allegedly cheated on an exam during a training program.

In March 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for **James Eugene David Lawrence** (CO60107395, CP60192110), chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional.

In March 2013 the Medical Commission charged **Shantanu Neravetla** (ML60229618) with being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Neravetla, who has a limited license as a resident physician and surgeon, allegedly displayed disruptive and unprofessional behavior during his residency. Examinations resulted in a recommendation that Neravetla not resume his responsibilities as a resident physician.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Asmarech Akal Tafere** (NC60090030) with unprofessional conduct. Tafere was convicted of first-degree theft.

In March 2013 the Medical Commission ended probation for physician **Peter Balousek** (MD00035044).

In March 2013 the Secretary of Health charged independent clinical social worker **Rebecca J. Durocher** (LW00007329) with unprofessional conduct. Durocher allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient.

In March 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Hannah Michelle Gray** (CO60285355). Gray practiced as a chemical dependency professional with no credential.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Karen S. Utter** (NA00196863) with unprofessional conduct. Utter didn't comply with an agreement to complete nurse delegation training.

In March 2013 the Dental Commission ended conditions in a 2010 agreement with dentist **Calen H. Broadbent** (DE00006273). Broadbent may practice without restrictions.

In March 2013 the Dental Commission ended conditions in a 2009 agreement with dentist **Peter M. Cha** (DE00006848). Cha may practice without restrictions.

Mason County

In March 2013 the Pharmacy Board ended probation for pharmacist **Albert C. LeGault** (PH00010560).

Pierce County

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Kimberly Ann Wilson** (NA60132503) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Wilson was convicted of first-degree theft.

In March 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Teresa L. Holloway** (RN00120452) with unprofessional conduct. Holloway allegedly didn't comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program amended charges against registered nursing assistant **Fatoumata Dibba Badjan** (NA60032432) correcting a date on earlier charges.

Snohomish County

In March 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Patricia Anne Ainsley** (RN00098894) with unprofessional conduct. It is alleged that she reported giving medications to patients when she actually didn't, waited excessively long periods between withdrawing morphine and giving it to a patient, and didn't document necessary information in a patient's chart.

In March 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Brian Edward Brownell** (CO60334027). In 2011 Brownell's massage practitioner credential was indefinitely suspended.

Spokane County

In March 2013 the Physical Therapy Board charged physical therapist **Michelle Lee Schubert** (PT60144943) with unprofessional conduct. Schubert allegedly exchanged numerous romantic email messages, phone calls, and text messages with a patient.

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Tina L. Stuhlmiller** (NA00194820) with unprofessional conduct. Stuhlmiller allegedly tested positive for marijuana and methamphetamine.

Thurston County

In March 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Lydia Calma Corpuz** (NA00050667) with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and

Health Services cited Corpuz's adult family home for not having enough staff members on duty to help a resident who slid to the floor, leaving a card describing a resident's personal needs in full view of visitors, and not having a current assessment from a licensed nurse or physical therapist about a resident's need for a bedside rail.

Whatcom County

In March 2013 the Pharmacy Board ended probation for pharmacist **Thomas S. O'Leary** (PH00009950).

Whitman County

In March 2013 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dentist **Alfred M. Fairbanks** (DE00004076) which restricts him from prescribing or administering controlled substances. Fairbanks prescribed excessive amounts of narcotics for a patient. He didn't ask whether the patient was getting narcotics through other prescriptions, didn't assess the need for pain medication or evaluate its value, and didn't evaluate the patient for possible dependency. Fairbanks also provided substandard care to two patients.

Out of State

Florida: In March 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jennifer R. Woodard-Boatright** (RN00177080) with unprofessional conduct. Woodard-Boatright allegedly didn't comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Hawaii: In March 2013 the Naturopathy Board released naturopathic physician **Phuong Diem Thi Nguyen** (HC00152299, NT60189956) from conditions that were placed on her credential.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The [Department of Health website](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).

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